

Another Welsh record of *Calamotropha paludella* (Hb.) (Lep.: Pyralidae)

In an earlier note (*antea* 41-42) I reported the discovery of some moth species new to Monmouthshire (VC50), including *Calamotropha paludella*, which was also apparently new to Wales. Since then a further Welsh record of *paludella* has surfaced. Barry and Sandra Stewart captured a singleton at Mansfield, South Gower, on 11 August 1995. No suitable habitat exists for *paludella* in the immediate vicinity of Mansfield, but a few miles to the west and east are two fenland National Nature Reserves, Oxwich and Crymlyn Bog/Pant-y-Sais Fen, where the species might perhaps be profitably searched for. However, Goater (*British Pyralid Moths*, 1984) describes *paludella* as a wanderer, inclined to turn up outside its normal range, so the Glamorgan specimen could have come from much further afield, whereas the large numbers discovered in suitable habitats around Newport indicate that *paludella* is definitely resident in Monmouthshire. It now appears that the Glamorgan specimen was the first Welsh record.— MARTIN J. WHITE, 8 St. Nicholas Square, Maritime Quarter, Swansea SA1 1UG.

Records of *Argyresthia conjugella* Zell. (Lep.: Yponomeutidae) from Glamorgan

On 23 July 1999, I identified a specimen of *Argyresthia conjugella* (Zell.) which was among several smaller moths captured by David Gilmore on 24 June 1999. These came from Dare Valley Country Park near Aberdare in the north of Glamorgan. Though common across Britain and recorded in all adjacent counties, a glance at the map in *Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland* 3: 85 suggested that this distinctive species had not previously been recorded in VC41. However, a scan of records held by Lepidoptera Recorder Barry Stewart showed that two specimens of *conjugella* were captured in 1988 by the late Richard G. Warren at Gelli-hir, an ancient woodland nature reserve in Gower in the west of the county. Clearly the species has previously been largely overlooked here, but with the abundance of its larval foodplants, Rowan *Sorbus aucuparia* and Apple *Malus* spp., it will no doubt prove to be far more widespread within Glamorgan.— MARTIN J. WHITE, 8 St. Nicholas Square, Maritime Quarter, Swansea SA1 1UG.

***Pseudopostega crepusculella* (Zell.) (Lep.: Opostegidae) new to Glamorgan**

On 10 August 1999, with Rob Taylor of the Glamorgan Moth Recording Group, I visited Pant-y-Sais Fen National Nature Reserve between Neath and Swansea. We spent approximately one hour between 9 pm and 10 pm “dusking” for moths with nets and hand-held lights. Along the canal towpath bordering the eastern side of the fen, numerous whitish moths were flying. These were mostly Brown China-marks *Elophila nymphaeata* (L.), but I retained one moth that I identified as *Pseudopostega crepusculella*. This species is quite distinctive, but as it has rarely been recorded from Wales and according to Emmet & Heath (1976. *Moths and Butterflies of Great*